

## **FACTORS CONSIDERED IN THE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:**

This Environmental Assessment analyzed the proposed action and associated impacts to area resources. The resources evaluated during the Environmental Assessment include land use, infrastructure (traffic and utilities), socioeconomics, public services, hazardous materials, noise, air quality and climate, geology and soils, water resources, biological resources, and cultural resources. Air dispersion model results indicate the TFT will operate within compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) according to the ESS report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD COMPLETED:** The Environmental Assessment and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) were made available for a thirty day (30) public comment period. Included in an attachment to the EA is our responses to questions which primarily pertain to compliance with NAAQS, which we believe our air dispersion model results do not indicate any significant environmental impacts due to the low test quantities, i.e., six (6) pounds per trial, two trials per week, and materials having less than 1% plastic content. Also the roof-top smoke control unit will provide controls.

**CONCLUSION:** This Environmental Assessment concluded that construction of the new Thermal Test Facility is not expected to result in significant impacts to the environment.

  
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Date

Both the Final Environmental Assessment and this Final Finding of No Significant Impact can be viewed on the internet at <http://www.natick.army.mil/about/esho.htm>.

Copies of the Final Environmental Assessment and FNSI will be available for review at the Bacon Free Library, 58 Elliot Street (Route 16), South Natick, MA 01760-5596 and the Morse Institute Library, 14 East Central Street, Natick, MA 01760-4630. Copies may also be obtained by writing to Mr. Terence Garrahan, Environmental, Safety, & Health Office, 15 Kansas Street, Natick, MA 01760-5049.